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### NOW COMES PULLMAN

#### RAILWAY BOARD TO ATTACK SLEEPING CAR RATES.

**Complainant Insists that a Square Deal Demands Difference in Prices of Upper and Lower Berths—Commission to Take Up Entire Subject.**

A definite effort was begun before the interstate commerce commission to secure to the public a reduction in the rate of fare charged by the Pullman company for its sleeping car accommodations. This is the first time in the history of the commission that a proceeding has been brought against the Pullman company, and it promises to be an action of more than ordinary interest and importance.

Three complaints were filed against the Pullman company and various northwestern railroad lines, by George S. Loftus, a business man, of St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Loftus avers that in the course of his business he is obliged to travel from St. Paul to various other points and to use the accommodations of the Pullman company. The charges for the accommodation, he declares, are unjust, and he asks that the commission reduce them by one-half.

In his first complaint he avers that the charge made by these companies for a sleeping car berth from St. Paul, Minn. to Superior, Wis., is \$1.50 whether the berth be an upper or a lower. He says that the lower berths are far more desirable than the upper berths and that the latter should be considerable less in pay.

#### HITS THE OIL COMBINE.

**Missouri May Bar Companies from the State.**

Judge Anthony, appointed by the supreme court of Missouri to take testimony in the suit instituted by Attorney General Hadley against the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Republic Oil company, charging conspiracy, Friday made a report to the court. His findings hold the companies entered into an agreement to control the prices of oil. He recommends that their charter be revoked and that they be ousted from the state. In his report he holds the supreme court has authority to make a ruling in ouster.

Judge Anthony reviews in detail the testimony, showing the organization and conduct of the companies. He says the evidence shows in 1901 the Standard, Waters-Pierce and Republic Oil companies entered into an agreement which continued to exist up to the time of the filing of the suit two years ago, for the purpose of fixing and controlling the prices to be paid by retail dealers and others in Missouri for the products of petroleum and to limit and prevent competition.

#### CAUGHT FOR A HALF MILLION.

**New York Jewelers Victims of a Big Swindle.**

Two indictments charging grand larceny were returned by the grand jury against J. Edward Boeck, of New York. It is alleged that while posing as a dealer in precious stones on commission Boeck obtained jewels to the value of many thousands of dollars from Maiden Lane and made no return.

Starting disclosures are said to have resulted from the investigations thus far made from the detectives who are acting for the Jewelers' Security Alliance of the United States. It is said on what purports to be reliable authority that the losses attending Boeck's flight are at least \$500,000. A confidential employe of one of the oldest jewelry firms in the Maiden Lane district said he would not be surprised if Boeck's obligations were found to amount to nearly \$1,000,000.

Efforts to capture Boeck are being extended throughout the world and whether a day or a decade is required in the search officials of the jewelers' alliance say he must be caught.

#### Killed by Heat in St. Louis.

John Tielkovsky, of St. Louis, died from sunstroke Friday and John Mason was overcome and taken to a hospital. The temperature registered 81 degrees.

#### Big Strike on the Erie.

N. O'Connell, international president of the International Association of Machinists, Friday afternoon called out the entire force of union machinists on the Erie railroad, about 3,000 men.

#### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.50. Top hogs, \$6.15.

#### A Twister in Oklahoma.

A tornado of small proportions at Snyder, Okla., early Friday caused more or less damage to property and destroyed communication with the outside world for several hours. There were no casualties.

#### McKinley's Former Partner Dead.

Hugh C. Quigley, formerly identified in business with President McKinley, died at Cleveland, O., Friday of apoplexy.

#### COREY AIDS REFORM.

**Used as Horrible Example of Divorce Evil.**

The Presbyterian general assembly at Columbus, O., Thursday received and adopted the report of the special committee on marriage and divorce and adopted resolutions rejoicing in favorable results already obtained and expressing the hope of more radical reform, reaffirming deliverances of former assemblies regarding marriage and divorce, and enjoining presbyteries to "enforce the standards of the church, to hold to a strict account all ministers under their care and to urge all ministers to regard the comity that should refrain from giving the sanction of our church to members of another church whose marriage is in violation of the laws of the church whose communion they have chosen."

Rev. Charles T. Dickey, of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee which presented the report, referring to the recent marriage of President Corey, of the United States steel corporation, said:

"What we had heard about Mr. Corey cleared the way. The condemnation of public opinion was something itself to make us rejoice, and surely if the editorials of our newspapers and public opinion is rising to a high standard it is time that we take the lead in this, as in everything, and give an example of the church cleansing itself from lax divorce and sinful marriages."

#### MORE LIGHT ON FIGHT.

**The Pennsylvania Report to Be Sensational.**

The auditors and experts of the Pennsylvania capitol investigating commission will make their final report when the commission resumes its public hearings May 31. These reports will deal with every phase of the capitol scandal, and will show in detail how \$9,000,000 was expended for furnishings and equipping the building.

The report of the auditors, it is said, will be sensational and will show many thousands of dollars were paid to contractors months in advance of the actual delivery of the furnishings to Harrisburg. One company was paid \$25,000 one year in advance of the delivery of metallic furniture and another was given advance payments of \$125,000 within two months after being given contracts for furnishings.

The report also shows the public records were changed after the letting of certain contracts, and will contain much information which has not been brought out at the public hearings.

#### JUDGE HARGIS IS NOT GUILTY.

**Verdict of Jury in Cockrill Murder Case.**

The jury in the case of Judge James Hargis at Lexington, Ky., charged with the murder of Thomas Cockrill, Wednesday morning returned a verdict of not guilty.

On June 21, 1904, Cockrill was shot in the court house at Jackson. During the trial several witnesses swore that Hargis, his brothers and Sheriff Ed Callahan had entered into a murder conspiracy, promising immunity to anyone who would shoot Cockrill. Dr. B. D. Cox and J. B. Marcum, all three of whom have since died by shooting. The defense, however, presented testimony tending to disprove a conspiracy charge. Hargis, testifying in his own behalf, denied all connection with the shooting. Curt Jett, who confessed to killing Marcum, for which he was given a life sentence, was a witness against Hargis.

The next trial in this series will be called at Sandy Hook on May 27, and then the same defendants will be tried for the murder of Dr. Cox.

#### Denver Woodworkers Win.

A conference resulted in calling off the millmen and woodworkers' strike at Denver, Colo. The strikers are given an increase of 10 per cent in wages, with a minimum of 33 cents per hour. A nine-hour day is also agreed to.

#### Police and Strikers Clash.

The police and about twenty-five striking freight handlers clashed Wednesday at the Lehigh freight house in Buffalo, N. Y. Leonardo Ase and Carlo Angelo, strikers, are under arrest.

#### Two Dead in Honolulu of Plague.

A cablegram from Honolulu reports two deaths from plague and one new case of that disease. Havana reports one yellow fever case from the province of Matanzas.

#### One Yellow Fever Case in Havana.

A case of yellow fever has been discovered in Havana, being the second case this year. The patient had recently come to the capital from the interior.

#### Call to National Banks.

The comptroller of the currency Wednesday issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business May 20.

#### Puts Bounty on Brown-Tail Moth.

To check the spread of the brown-tail moth in Nova Scotia the provincial government has offered a bounty of 3 cents for each insect.

#### Eight Canal Steam Shovels Idle.

To an inquiry from Secretary Taft as to the canal steam shovel workmen's situation, Col. Goethals cabled that thirty-eight of the regular forty-six crews were at work.

#### Fierce Dog Mangles Wee Girl.

The 2-year-old daughter of William Miller, of Vincennes, Ind., was attacked by a bulldog and fatally injured. The beast sank his fangs into her face and tore away cheek and bone.

#### COREY IN DEAL WITH SCHWAB.

**Almost Certain to Quit Steel Corporation.**

There was made public in Pittsburgh Wednesday evening in the financial district a rather startling story in effect that Charles M. Schwab and William Ellis Corey have practically agreed on a move by which both shall be interested to the full extent of their capital in the Bethlehem Steel company in the near future. This, of course, is contingent on the resignation of Corey from the head of the steel corporation, a condition which is now thought in Pittsburgh, as well as the east, to be but a matter of a few days. It is understood that all details for this move have been completed, and the undoubted fact that Schwab and a score more are unloading all their steel corporation stock at the new top price gives ground to the report.

While in Pittsburgh a few days ago Mr. Schwab to a party of friends spoke most highly of the ability of his successor as head of the big corporation, and left them all with the impression that Corey would, at the expiration of his time with the corporation, become affiliated with him in his Bethlehem works. That he needed such a man as Corey with his brain and his money, Mr. Schwab left no doubt.

This story leaked out only late Wednesday evening. On the heels of this Alva Dinkey, of the Carnegie Steel company, the corporation from which all the presidents of the big steel corporation up to date have come, broke his usual silence, and in a rather short interview practically gave weight to the rumor that Corey might retire by saying the present head of the steel corporation would not need to look for work did he but choose to leave the big corporation.

#### TRAIN THROWN FROM TRACK.

**One Man Killed and Over a Score Injured.**

The Southern Pacific coast line limited, was wrecked at West Glendale, Cal., early Wednesday. The wreck was the deliberate work of train wreckers. One man was killed and twenty-two injured, three probably fatally.

In accomplishing the wreck devilish ingenuity was exercised. At a point on a trestle over the Arroyo Seco the fish plates and bolts of two connecting rails on the southbound track had been removed, and in the apertures whence the bolts were taken strands of heavy wire were fastened at the end of each rail. From the appearance of the track after the wreck it was evident some person, hidden on the hillside close to the trestle, had pulled the wire as the train approached and spread the rails outward toward the end of the trestle.

#### THIRTY PERSONS HURT.

**Electric Train and Trolley Collide in New York.**

Thirty persons were injured, some seriously, in a collision between a three-car electric train bound for New York from Coney Island and a trolley car of the Thirty-ninth street line in New York Tuesday night. The collision occurred at a point where the two lines cross at right angles. The trolley car was struck by the electric train and almost every one of its passengers suffered injuries. Thirty of the most severely injured were conveyed to hospitals. Physicians in attendance think no fatalities will result. The conductors and motormen of both the electric train and the trolley car and the flagman stationed at the crossing were arrested.

#### COREY IS TURNED DOWN.

**"No Accommodations" at Swell Paris Hotels.**

William E. Corey and his bride, the former Mabelle Gilman, are now sequestered in the Chateau Villagesis near Paris, which was occupied by the actress before her marriage. The millionaire and his new wife arrived in Cherbourg on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. from New York. From Cherbourg the Coreys motored directly to the Chateau Villagesis. It was the intention of the couple to go direct to Paris, and Corey cabled from New York asking that a suite of rooms be reserved in the Hotel Ritz. Elysee palace, Rome, or some of the other exclusive hotels. Curiously enough, none of these hotels could accommodate the newly married couple.

#### Murphy-Summers Bout.

Tommy Murphy, of New York, and John Summers, of England, fought one of the hardest six-round bouts ever witnessed in the city at the National Athletic club in Philadelphia. It was Summers' first appearance in the ring in this country and he made an excellent impression.

#### WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

**Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City, Ia.**

Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future: Lincoln ..... June 1, 2, 3, 4  
Denver ..... June 5, 6, 7, 8  
Pueblo ..... June 9, 10, 11, 12

#### Mendelsohn Music Company Assigns.

The Mendelsohn Music company, having retail stores in New York, Boston and Providence, made an assignment at Providence, R. I., for the benefit of creditors.

#### Two Ohio River Boats Burn.

The Ohio river packet Chevalier and the transfer steamer Huntington were burned to the water's edge near Huntington, O., early Wednesday. The loss is \$19,000. The crews escaped.

# News of Nebraska

#### MISTAKES FRIEND FOR TRAMP.

**George Friezen Shoots H. M. Misner of Henderson in the Leg.**

George Friezen, cashier of the bank at Henderson, and several business-looking tramps were beating their way on the train toward Henderson, organized a posse to find the tramps and drive them out of town. It was reported that the tramps acted like bank robbers and were supposed to carry with them nitroglycerine, fuses, etc., and that their intention was to rob one of the banks at Henderson. The business men went to the stock yards adjoining the railroad track, and in looking for the tramps became separated, and as one part of the crowd came around a crib the other part were coming around in the opposite direction and Mr. Friezen called upon them to halt and thinking that these were the tramps, immediately fired at them with a 32-caliber revolver. H. M. Misner, a former merchant of Charleston, was hit and immediately made known who he was. The bullet entered the fleshy part of his leg, and while it appeared at the time quite serious it is now believed that he will only be confined to his bed two or three weeks. No trace of the tramps was found; they had disappeared.

#### BANKERS MEET AT KEARNEY.

**Ninety from Northwestern Part of State Attend Convention.**

Group five of the Nebraska Bankers' association met in Kearney recently. After being called to order by President S. K. Warrick, of Alliance, the bankers were welcomed to the city by Mayor Hull, with a response by Geo. B. Bell, of Grand Island. President Warrick delivered the annual address, after which Secretary C. A. Robinson, of Shelton, made his report. "New and Proposed Legislation" was discussed by William B. Hughes, secretary of the State Bankers' association. "Benefits of Group and State Meetings" was discussed by P. A. Hall, president of the state association, with responses by members on questions of general interest to bankers, conducted in an able manner by E. F. Folda, of South Omaha. A paper entitled "Danger Signals," by C. F. Bentley, of Grand Island, who could not be present, was read by Secretary Robinson. "Is Our Present Prosperity Permanent?" was discussed by J. W. Welpton, Ogallala.

#### DENVERITES INVADE NEBRASKA.

**Boosters Given a Great Reception at Alliance and Pass On.**

The "Denver boosters" in their special train, reached Alliance at 6 p. m. Tuesday. They were enthusiastically received by a large crowd and quite an ovation given them. After spending an hour parading the streets to the music of their own band and making speeches boosting Denver as a trade center for the northwest portion of the country, they resumed their journey westward to repeat these performances at other towns, principally Sheridan, Billings, Deadwood, Lead and Hot Springs.

#### Boys Confess to Theft.

A complaint was filed in police court at Fremont by Chief of Police Peterson against Henry Kavich and Mrs. Henry Kavich on the charge of receiving brass fittings of the value of \$30. The officers arrested two boys, Eddie Hansen, aged 15, and Lewis Allen, aged 14, on the charge of stealing some brass from the bottling works. The boys confessed to taking the property and said they disposed of it to Kavich.

#### Burt County District Court.

In the district court at Tekamah the trial of the State of Nebraska against Ed Schrader was finished, with the exception of the argument of Attorney Gillis. Schrader is charged with stealing a horse from L. L. Young, a farmer living north of Craig, on March 17. Sheriff Phipps and A. R. Taylor both testified that Schrader told them at the time of arrest that this was the fourth horse he had stolen.

#### Farmer Injured by Train.

While crossing the track on the way to his home two miles east of Rosemont, Dan Reining, a farmer residing about 200 yards from the crossing where the accident occurred, was run into by the westbound Nebraska City and Holdrege passenger train, No. 97, and seriously injured. One of his horses was killed, the other so badly injured that it had to be killed, and the wagon made a total wreck.

#### Dental Association in Session.

Dr. Horace Warren, the only non-resident to ever be honored with an office by the State Dental association, he having been elected vice president a year ago, though a resident of Missouri Valley, Ia., delivered an address to the association recently.

#### Craig Makes First Appointment.

Thomas Craig, recently elected department commander of the G. A. R., came down from Omaha to Lincoln and took possession of his office. His first official act was to appoint A. M. Trimble, of Lancaster county, to be adjutant general of the department.

#### New Depot for Fremont.

Work was commenced clearing the ground for the new freight depot at Fremont, the ground for which was condemned last fall. The building will be northwest of the present structure, containing ample room for the transfer and storage of freight and office rooms. Its cost will be \$25,000.

#### Boche Case Goes Over.

Herman Boche, of Norfolk, will not be tried for the killing of Frank Jarmer until next fall. A motion for a continuance was granted by Judge

#### SETTLING THE COPPLE ESTATE.

**Value of Estate is About \$10,000, with \$5,000 Life Insurance.**

Last Saturday J. O. Copple, W. H. Copple, Elmer E. Copple and W. H. Reed, the three former brothers of the late Walter Copple, who was murdered near Rosalie, and the latter a brother-in-law, came to Pender and made application for letters of administration for their brother's estate and guardianship papers for the children.

J. O. Copple, formerly a county commissioner of that county, will be appointed to both positions. The estimated value of the estate is \$10,000, with \$5,000 life insurance in favor of the murdered wife and four older children.

During their stay in Pender the brothers stated to a number of parties that they were opposed to lynch law and wanted Burke, alias Higgins, to be tried and receive his just deserts in the regular way. There is little or no excitement now, and it is hardly probable that any effort will be made to lynch the murderer when he is brought to Pender for a hearing. No complaint has as yet been filed, and it is possible that nothing will be done for several days yet.

#### POSSE PURSUES ASSAILANT.

**Woman Probably Fatally Injured in Red Willow County.**

Mrs. Claude Spaulding, wife of a prominent Red Willow county farmer, was the victim of a murderous and criminal assault by an unidentified man whom the authorities are making an extraordinary effort to catch. The assailant used a large iron wedge and hammer on the woman's skull, which was fractured and her head and face badly cut in several places. No one except a 3-year-old child was at the Spaulding home at the time, the husband being in Frontier county on business. The crime was discovered by a sister of the woman who lives nearby. Physicians and county authorities were notified and a search was begun for the assailant. Armed men are now covering the entire country, and his arrest may result in a lynching.

#### CONVICT CAUGHT IN IOWA.

**Had Been Convicted of Bribery and Broke Jail.**

Chief of Police Kendig, of Colfax, Ia., has arrested Clarence A. Waite, wanted at Fremont, and is holding him there awaiting extradition. Waite is wanted for burglary and for breaking jail after conviction. Waite formerly resided at Colfax and is a young man yet in his teens. According to his own word he is always in trouble. He was well known in police circles even when a mere lad. His present difficulty dates from his robbing a jewelry store in Fremont, April 26. He was convicted, but on account of his age was sentenced to the reform school. While awaiting commitment he broke jail. The sheriff of Dodge county is expected here tomorrow to take him back to Fremont.

#### Stabbing Affray at Pilger.

S. E. Clough, a young single man, who works for Arthur Tinning, of Pilger, stabbed William Wells twice over the heart in August Schumacher's saloon, inflicting a slight wound. Mr. Wells resided at Colfax and is a young man yet in his teens. According to his own word he is always in trouble. He was well known in police circles even when a mere lad. His present difficulty dates from his robbing a jewelry store in Fremont, April 26. He was convicted, but on account of his age was sentenced to the reform school. While awaiting commitment he broke jail. The sheriff of Dodge county is expected here tomorrow to take him back to Fremont.

#### Farmer Struck by Train.

August Fleeting, a German living north of Stanton, was picked up shortly after midnight Thursday on the Northwestern right of way near Stanton in an unconscious condition, with seven ribs broken and a number of contusions on the head and face. He is supposed to have been struck by the midnight freight train.

#### Beatrice Commercial Club Meeting.

The Commercial club of Beatrice held its annual meeting and reports showed encouraging results of the last year's work. The old board of directors was re-elected. H. M. Bushnell, of Lincoln, delivered an address along the lines of organization and the securing of manufacturing concerns to build up the town.

#### Fatally Hurt by a Fall.

Falling headlong from the second story of the new Y. M. C. A. building at Fremont, John Launre, a corniceman, was fatally hurt; both arms were broken and the skull fractured. Launre was leaning out of the window when he lost his balance and fell thirty feet to the pavement.

#### Fierce Gale Strikes Lexington.

A terrific gale accompanied by rain struck Lexington about 11 o'clock Tuesday night. Several buildings were unroofed, the cornice of the Dawson County bank was blown off and the entire front of Mitchell's real estate building was blown out. No lives were lost.

#### Looking for Lost Brother.

Mrs. S. G. Lewis, of Marselles, Ill., has written the postmaster at Omaha asking for information relatives to her brother, P. J. Doyle, who has been heard from him several years ago in Omaha, when he was employed by some harness firm.

#### Boche Wants to Get Bail.

It is understood that with the convening of district court at Madison and with the summoning of the district court jury an effort will be made to have Herman Boche, charged with the murder of Frank Jarmer, released on bond.

#### Green Bugs at Humboldt.

Humboldt is not to be behind in the green bug industry, and those who have investigated report the presence of the newest pest on practically every shrub and tree, as well as in the fields



General Manager Mohler, of the Union Pacific, has written the commission asking that body to indorse its appeal to the people to have their coal shipped during the summer months and avoid the rush in the fall and all the worry incident to scarcity of cars when cold weather sets in. Mr. Mohler said in his letter his company was now shipping coal for its own use from mines not on its line in order to save the supply for the people next winter, and he wound up by saying he doubted if the company would be permitted to sell coal to the people next winter as it did last winter. It is not improbable that the commission will write back and suggest that the Union Pacific could relieve the pressure by laying in its own supply of coal now, as it has plenty of yard room and plenty of men to guard it. This would leave the road free to take care of the people instead of having to use its cars for its own benefit next winter.

The Uplike Grain company, of Omaha, has written to the state board of assessment objecting to the method adopted by County Assessor Miller, of Lancaster county, for the assessment of its grain elevators in that county. Mr. Miller not only assesses on the average capital stock invested for the preceding year, but also includes the value of the grain on hand April 1. The Uplike company desires the board to instruct Mr. Miller to assess only the average capital invested. The latter is the plan adopted by the board last year and this year and held to be valid by the supreme court, but it is not likely that the board will interfere with Mr. Miller if he elects to operate under another method.

Deputy Attorney General Martin saved the board of public lands and buildings considerable embarrassment and the Home for the Friendless the lots which the legislature appropriated \$62,800 to purchase. The bill did not carry the emergency clause, and therefore the money will not be available for use until July 5. In the meantime the owners of the property were figuring on selling the lots to speculators unless the state paid the cash or interest. Mr. Martin agreed to give his personal check for the \$1,800, which will pay for the present purchase, and permit the state to pay him in July.

Representative Keifer, of Nuckolls county, was in Lincoln recently, and, among other things, he said some of the shippers out n his section of the state were getting a little bit restless because the state railway commission was doing nothing to get a reduction in grain rates and better service in moving live stock. While the shippers realize the commission was up against a hard proposition, Mr. Keifer said, they were of the opinion that matter of freight rates should have been taken up first and the passenger rates later, as the former is of the greater importance.

As anticipated, Don C. Despain filed his resignation as deputy commissioner of labor with Gov. Sheldon, the same to take effect June 1. Mr. Despain has been commissioner of labor since May 1 and resigns in order to accept the position of general manager of the American Adjustable Window Shade company, which was tendered him by the directors of the above corporation some days ago. Mr. Despain's new position entails responsibilities incident to the development of the company's business in twenty-four states, in which territory it has exclusive patent rights.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad does not want to be included in the list of roads which have evaded the anti-pass law or the order of the board relative to the reporting of free transportation issued. This road wrote that in its report to the commission it had included all the transportation issued between March 30 and May 1 and the list also included all interstate transportation.

While in Lincoln recently Superintendent Thomas, of the Kearney normal school, called on Treasurer Brian and asked him if he was ready to accept \$15 which had been received by the school from the sale of alfalfa. The payment will be made under the new enactment by the late legislature providing that the funds of state institutions shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the institution.

Deputy Oil Inspector A. B. Allen, who was appointed to succeed Edward A. Church, took charge of his new office Wednesday, and the formal transfer of the various offices took place. Lancaster politicians, or some of them, had set their hearts on the oil office and downtown there are bitter tears of disappointment being shed, though those who are not in politics for office do not seem to be worrying any.

The board of public lands and buildings has increased the salary of Dr. Lord, superintendent of the Orthopedic hospital, to \$1,400 a year and Dr. Orr, his assistant, to \$1,300. The former gets \$200 more on the year and the latter \$500 more. Anna E. Hardwick, head nurse, will get \$900 instead of \$800. The other salaries remain the same.

The board appointed to inspect private and denominational schools has been at the Fremont normal and the Kearney normal school. This board receives its authority from the law enacted by the recent legislature. Since the board has been at work considerable talk has been going the rounds relative to the way some heads of schools get students to enroll. It is said some of the schools agree to give a student a life certificate if he or she attends a ten-week summer school, providing, of course, the student has certain qualifications.